



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 3762**

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**PATENT**

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Title: EXTENDABLE/RETRACTABLE LEAD HAVING DOWNSIZED LEAD BODY

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Applicant has reviewed the final Office Action dated May 21, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from August 21, 2003 to November 21, 2003.